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IN REPLY REFER TO:
FWS-2020-00025

November 15, 2019

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Dear Taylor,

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Headquarters Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) office received your FOIA request dated August 21, 2019 on September 19, 2019. Your request has been assigned tracking number FWS-2020-00025. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

In your request, you asked for *“All emails sent to, from, or copied to Greg Sheehan, Director from June 1, 2019 to Present Day containing any of the following non-case-sensitive key-strings: "Ross", "Endangered", "Species Act", "POTUS", "Miller", or "Mulvaney".”*

On October 9, 2019, you modified the date range to *“The 6 months preceding Greg Sheehan's departure...Assuming the departure was in August of 2018, please search from February 2018 to August 2018.”*

On October 11, 2019, you narrowed the scope of your request to *“Combine "endangered" and "species act" and only search for "endangered species act" ...limit to "Stephen Miller", "Mick Mulvaney", "Ross Flagen" and "Wilbur Ross"...I'm not interested in publicly available news articles, media emails, newsletters, spam, or junk mail.”*

On October 15, 2019, you were notified that approximately 1200 emails responsive to your request are form letters from members of the public urging then FWS Director Sheehan to "Reinstate immediately the Decision issued in July 17, 2014 that regulated the "Use of Agricultural Practices in Wildlife Management in the National Wildlife Refuge System". Those letters are responsive to other FOIA requests we have received and are available here: https://www.fws.gov/irm/bpim/docs/nwrs_ag_practices/Ag_Practices_Memo_Combined_Records_1st_release_Redacted.pdf.

We have classified you as an “other-use” requester. As such, we may charge you for some of our

search and duplication costs, but we will not charge you for our review costs; you are also entitled to up to 2 hours of search time and 100 pages of photocopies (or an equivalent volume) for free. *See* [43 C.F.R. § 2.39](#). If, after taking into consideration your fee category entitlements, our processing costs are less than \$50.00, we will not bill you because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected. *See* [43 C.F.R. § 2.37\(g\)](#)

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We have completed our search and have begun reviewing records responsive to your request. If you have any questions, you may contact me by phone at 703-358-2470; by e-mail at connie_rose@fws.gov; or by mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters; Attention: FWS FOIA Officer; 5275 Leesburg Pike; MS: IRTM; Falls Church, VA, 22041.

Sincerely,

Connie Rose
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